

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2010
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 2:07 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles McAdams, Ed.D., Chair
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Diana Pollick, Operations & Compliance Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Sylvester Britt, Nurse’s Consultant Associates

MATTER SCHEDULED: Sonya Lee, LPC Applicant
Case No.: 128209

DISCUSSION: Ms. Lee appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated December 18, 2009, to consider her application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny her application. Ms. Lee was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Lee. The Committee also received statements from Mr. Britt.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Brendel and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation in the matter of Sonya Lee. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Pollick attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Brendel, and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the voted to approve Sonya Lee's Masters degree program.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Charles McAdams, Ed.D., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

Date